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May it pleaſe Your moſt Excellent Majeſty,

THe Wiſe Man tells us, *there is a time to ſow, and a time to reap.* Since Your Majeſty did convene the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of the Commons Houſe of Parliament, they have with unwearied labour conſulted for the Service of Your Majeſty, and the good of this Nation; and now the Fields grow white to Harveſt. In the great field of Nature all fruits do not grow ripe together, but ſome in one moneth, ſome in another; one time affords Your Majeſty Primroſes and Violets, another time preſents you with *July*-flowers. So it is in the courſe of our proceedings; ſome of our fruits are in the Bloſſome, when others are in the Bud; ſome are near ripe, and others fit to be preſented to Your

Your Majesty. Amongst the number of our choicest ripe fruits, we first present You with a Bill for the Safety and Preservation of Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

Your Predecessor, Queen *Elizabeth* of famous memory, in the Thirteenth year of her Reign, by *Pius Quintus*, then Bishop of *Rome*, was Excommunicated and Anathematized: *John Felton* posted up a Bull at the Bishop of *Londons* Palace, whereby she was declared, to be deprived of her Title to the Kingdome, and all the People of this Realm absolved from their Allegiance to her: The Queen of *Scots* was then a prisoner in *England*, and the Duke of *Norfolk* for many Designs against our Queen committed to the Tower. Historians tell us, the times were very troublesome, full of suspitions and conspiracies: But, Sir, what then was onely feared, hath in our time been put in execution: No Age hath known, no History makes mention of such sad Tragedies. It therefore now becomes your People after this glorious Restitution to endeavour all just wayes of preservation.

The Queen in her time of trouble and danger summoned a Parliament; and such was the Love of the People to Her and her Govern-

Government, that they forthwith made a Law for her Security: According to which Preſident, We your Loyal Commons alſo, who have before them no leſs cauſe of fear, but more Obligations, and Affection to your Majeſty, do humbly tender You a Bill, wherein we deſire it may be Enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall compaſs, imagine or deſign Your Majeſties Death, Deſtruction, or bodily Harm, to impriſon, or reſtrain Your Royal Perſon, or depoſe you, or ſhall levy War againſt your Majeſty, within or without your Realm, or ſtir up any forraign Power to invade You, and ſhall expreſs or declare ſuch his wicked intention by printing, writing, preaching, or malicious and advited ſpeaking, being thereof legally convicted, ſhall be adjudged a Traitor.

And becauſe much of our late Miſery, took its riſe from ſeditious Pamphlets, and Speeches from the Pulpits, it is provided, That if any man ſhall maliciouſly and adviſedly publiſh or affirm Your Majeſty to be an Heretick, or a Papiſt, or that you endeavour to introduce Popery, or ſhall ſtir up the People to hatred or diſlike of your Royal Perſon or Government, then every ſuch Perſon ſhall be made incapable of any Office or Imployment, either in Church or State. And if any man ſhall maliciouſly and

advisedly affirm, That the Parliament begun at *Westminster* the third of *September* 1640. is yet in being, or that any Covenant or Engagement since that time imposed upon the People, doth oblige them to endeavour a Change of the Government either in Church or State; or that either, or both Houses of Parliament have a Legislative Power without Your Majesty, then every such Offendor being thereof legally convicted, shall incur the Penalties of a *Præmunire*, mentioned in the Statute made 16. R. 2.

In the next place, *Sir*, Give me leave, I beseech You (without any violence to the *Act* of *Oblivion*) to remember a sad effect of the Distempers in the last age: when the Feaver began to seize upon the People, they were impatient till they lost some blood; The Lords Spiritual, who in all ages had injoyed a place in Parliament, were by an Act of Parliament excluded.

Your Majesties Royal Grandfather was often wont to say, *No Bishop, no King*, We found his words true, for after they were put out, the Feavor still increasing in another fit, The Temporal Lords followed, and then the King himself: nor did the humor rest there, but in the round, the House of Commons was first Garbled, and then turned out of doors. It

It is no wonder when a Sword is put into a mad mans hand, to see him cut off limb by limb, and then to kill himself.

When there is a great breach of the sea upon the low grounds, by the violence of the torrent, the Rivers of sweet waters are often turned aside, and the salt waters make themselves a Channel, but when the breach is made up, good husbands drain their Lands again, and restore the ancient Sewers.

Thanks be to God the flood is gone off the face of this Island; our Turtle Dove hath found good footing, Your Majesty is happily restored to the Government, the temporal Lords and Commons are restored to sit in Parliament, and shall the Church alone now suffer?

*Sit Ecclesia Anglicana libera, & habeat libertates suas illæsas.*

In order to this great work the Commons have prepared a Bill to repeal that Law was made in 17 *Car.* whereby the Bishops were excluded this House: these Noble Lords have all agreed, and now we beg Your Majesty will give it life: speak but the word, Great Sir, and Your servants yet shall live.

We cannot well forget the method how Our late miseries, like waves of the Sea, came in upon

upon us: first the people were invited to Petition, to give colour to some illegal demands; then they must Remonstrate, then they must Protest, then they must Covenant; then they must associate, then they must engage against our lawful Government, and for the maintenance of the most horrid Tyranny that ever was invented. For the prevention of this practice for the future, We do humbly tender unto Your *Majesty* a Bill, entituled, *An Act against tumults and disorders, upon pretence of preparing or presenting publick Petitions or Addresses to Your Majesty or the Parliament.*

In the next place, we held it our Duty to undeceive the *People*, who have bin poisoned with an Opinion, *That the Militia of this Nation was in themselves, or in their Representatives in Parliament*: and according to the ancient known Laws, we have declared *the sole Right of the Militia to be in Your Majesty.* And forasmuch as our time hath not permitted us to finish a Bill intended for the future ordering of the same; we shall present you with a temporary Bill, for the *present managing and disposing of the Land-Forces*: And likewise another Bill, for *the establishing certain Articles and Orders for the Regulation and Government of Your Majesty's Navies and Forces by Sea.*

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According to Your *Majesty's* Commands we have examined many of the publick and private Bills which passed last *Parliament*, and have prepared some Bills of Confirmation; we have also ascertained the *Pains and Penalties to be imposed upon the Persons or Estates of those Miscreants who had a hand in the Murder of Your Royal Father of Blessed Memory*, and were therefore Excepted in Your *Majesties* Act of Oblivion: Wherein we have declared to all the world, how just an Indignation we had against that *horrid Regicide*.

We have likewise prepared a Bill for the *collection of great Arrears of the Duty of Excise*, which I do here in the name of the Commons humbly present unto Your *Majesty*: The Reason we conceive why it was not formerly paid, was because the *People* disliked the Authority whereby it was imposed; But understanding that it is now given to Your *Majesty*, it will come in with as great freedom. *Aliquisque malo erit usus in illo.*

Your *Majesty* was pleased at the opening of the *Parliament* to tell us, *That you intended this Summer to take a Progress, and see Your People, and at Your return did hope to bring a Queen home with you.* Sir, this welcome News hath made us cast about all ways for Your Accommodation.

And therefore that no conveniencies might be wanting, either for Your *Majesty*, Your *Queen*, or Your *Attendants*, We have prepared a Bil, intituled, *An Act for providing necessary Carriages in all Your Royal Progresses and removals.*

Your *Majesty* was likewise pleased at our first meeting to say, *You would not tyre us, with hard Duty, and hot Service, and therefore about this time intended a recess.* That Royal Favour vvill novv be very seasonable, and We hope advantagious both to Your Majesty, and our selves: We knovv in our absence Your Princely Heart and Head vvill not be free from Cares and Thoughts of our Protection: And vvhen We leave our Hive, like the industrious Bee, We shall but flie about the several Countreys of *the Nation* to gather *Honey*; and vvhen *Your Majesty* shall be pleased to name the time, return vvith loaded Thighs unto our House again.

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